

REMARKS

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the official office action dated June 16, 2004 has been carefully studied and reviewed. In this response, claims 1, 11 and 16 have been amended. Claim 17 has been canceled.


In particular, the Section 112 concerns raised by the Examiner have been addressed. It is believed that all of the claims now conform to Section 112 and that the particular areas of concern expressed by the Examiner have been corrected.

If for any reason this response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned and an expeditious effort will be made to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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